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OBJECTION OPPORTUNITY

United States Department of Agriculture
Forest Service
Ouachita National Forest
Mena Oden Ranger District
Polk County, Arkansas
Board Camp Project

The Mena Oden Ranger District of the Ouachita National Forest has prepared an Environmental Assessment; draft Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Board Camp project. Based on the analysis documented in the Environmental Assessment (EA), the pending decision is to select the Proposed Action identified in the EA. The proposed project is subject to the pre-decisional objection process pursuant to 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B.

The EA and draft DN/FONSI are available on-line at http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/ouachita/landmanagement/projects. These documents are also available for review at the Mena Ranger Station. Additional information regarding this project can be obtained from Jade Ryles by phone: 479-394-2382, or e-mail: cjryles@fs.fed.us.

The opportunity to object ends 45 days following the date of publication of the legal notice in Arkansas Democrat-Gazette. When the time period expires on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, comments shall be accepted until the end of the next Federal working day. The publication date of the legal notice in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection, and that those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by another source.

Objections will be accepted only from those who have previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project during scoping or other designated opportunity for public comment. Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project unless based on new information arising after designated comment opportunities §218.8(c).

The objection must contain the minimum content requirements specified in §218.8(d) and incorporation of documents by reference is permitted only as provided in §218.8(b). It is the objector's responsibility to ensure timely filing of a written objection with the reviewing officer. All objections are available for public inspection during and after the objection process.

Written objections must be submitted to Forest Supervisor Troy Heithecker, Objection Reviewing Officer, USDA-Forest Service Ouachita National Forest, PO Box 1270, Hot Springs, AR 71902; by facsimile to (501) 321-5353. Hand-delivered objections must be received at the Forest Supervisor's Office in Hot Springs, AR during normal business hours; from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Objections may be mailed electronically in a common digital format to objections-southern-ouachita@fs.fed.us. Please state "Board Camp Project" in the subject line when providing electronic objections, or on the envelope when replying by mail.